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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: NAGASAKA, Hiroshi et al.

Serial No.: 09/807,436

Group Art Unit: 1775

Filed: June 26, 2001

Examiner: Archene TURNER

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1060

For: SLIDING MEMBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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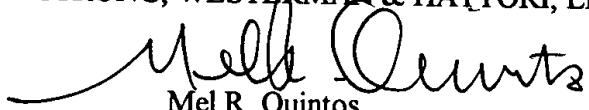
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	=	Present Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity	Additional Fee
Total Claims	28	30	=		X \$9	X \$18	
Independent Claims	5	3	=	2	X \$42	X \$84	168.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						\$140	280
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:						168.00	

- Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$168.00 for the additional claims fee in connection with this amendment.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 19 - 21, 24 and 30 have been amended so as to read as follows:

19. (Amended) A sliding member consisting essentially of a substrate and a hard coating formed on said substrate, wherein said hard coating consists essentially of titanium nitride and Cr, has a face-centered cubic crystalline structure with a lattice constant ranging from 0.414 to 0.423 nm in a crystal of said nitride-based material and has a Vickers hardness of not less than 2500.

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